

## **REMARKS**

Claims 6-9, 20-27 and 41-62 are pending with claims 6, 7, 20, 41 and 52 being independent.

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 20-27 and 41-62, and to the indication of claims 6-8 being allowable if rewritten into independent form.

Claims 5 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0028089, to Galley et al, in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0055570, to Ribeiro et al.

To expedite allowance of the application, Applicants have canceled claim 5, rewritten allowable claims 6 and 7 into independent form, and amended claim 9 to depend from claim 6. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional and continuation applications as necessary to pursue the rejected claims 5 and 9 and the withdrawn claims 1-4, 10-19 and 28-40.

## **Oath/Declaration**

The third page of the corrected Declaration filed with the last response on September 27, 2007 was apparently misplaced. A complete copy of the Declaration (3 pages) is attached and is believed to be sufficient to overcome the objection.

## **Conclusion**

In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and would appreciate early notification of the same.

### **Invitation for a telephone interview**

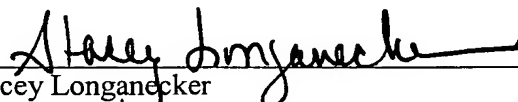
The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 659-9076 if further issues remain with allowance of this case.

### **Deposit Account Authorization**

Although no fee is believed due by submission of this paper, authorization is hereby made to charge any fees due or outstanding, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **18-2220** (Order No. 46058).

Respectfully Submitted,

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